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The Honorable Charles S. Thomas  
The Secretary of the Navy  
Department of the Navy  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

As a result of previous classified correspondence between this Agency and the Department of the Navy, it was agreed that Naval Reserve Officers employed by Central Intelligence Agency, and whose names were supplied to the Bureau of Naval Personnel, would not be recalled to active duty by the Navy without the prior concurrence of this Agency. In view of the direct relationship of our work to the national defense and the various responsibilities imposed on Central Intelligence Agency by the National Security Council this continued cooperation of your Department is greatly appreciated.

However, it has now come to my attention that the Naval Reserve Officers employed by Central Intelligence Agency, and belonging to [REDACTED] are not permitted to take training duty with pay. The reason given for this policy is the unavailability of these Reserve Officers to the Navy for mobilization in the event of war.

It has been Agency policy to encourage our Reserve Officers to participate in Reserve affairs, and more specifically in the Reserve Units attached to Central Intelligence Agency, in order to keep their commissions and Service training active and current for use in time of war. As you know, the present hot-war plans call for the assignment of Agency personnel to each Theatre Commander to carry out under his immediate direction the responsibilities of this Agency. Further, the various components of the Armed Services have agreed to furnish personnel to Central Intelligence Agency in increasing numbers in the event of war. It has been my thinking that a large percentage of the Reserve Officers now employed by the Agency, and particularly those who have kept themselves professionally current in Service matters, could be recalled to active duty

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and assigned to this Agency for immediate use in the event of hot-war. In the case of the Navy, the approximately [REDACTED] Reservists presently involved should decrease by the amount the number of Naval Officers required to be assigned from other sources by the Department of the Navy.

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In view of the foregoing, I trust you will agree that it is of mutual advantage to both the Navy and this Agency, and in the overall interest of national defense, that Naval Reserve Officers employed by Central Intelligence Agency be accorded the same treatment, including training duty with pay, granted to Naval Reserve Officers whose mobilization assignments may be entirely at the discretion of the Navy.

If you desire, I shall be happy to talk with you on this subject or will designate representatives to meet with anyone you care to name in the hope that an early understanding and solution regarding this problem may be reached.

Sincerely,

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